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Examiner: Saeid Ebrahimi-Dehkordy : Intellectual Property Law
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2003

REMARKS

Applicant filed a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") on May 12, 2003 to
invoke the changes made to 35 USC §103(c) by the American Inventors Protection Act of
1999 (AIPA). Applicant then filed a Preliminary Amendment on May 19, 2003 to: (i)
amend claims 14-15 and 17-18 to include the base claim and all intervening dependent
claims; and (ii) to address the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-13, 16 and 19-26 under 35

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U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,061,700 to Brobst et al. On May 20, 2003, the Examiner issued an Office Action finally rejecting all of the claims.

Unfortunately, this Office Action was issued in response to the May 12 filing, rather than the May 19 filing. See *Office Action Summary*, field #1. To correct this situation, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed May 19, 2003 as a complete response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of each of the pending claims 1-26. If, however, this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests a supplemental action pursuant to MPEP 714.05. Applicant also invites the Examiner to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application.

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